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In accordance with Applicant's continued duty of disclosure, the following documents are brought to the Examiner's attention:

- (1) EP Patent No. 1 358 866;
- (2) Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 2000-239119;
- (3) Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 2005-232069;
- and
- (4) DE Patent No. 103 11 302.

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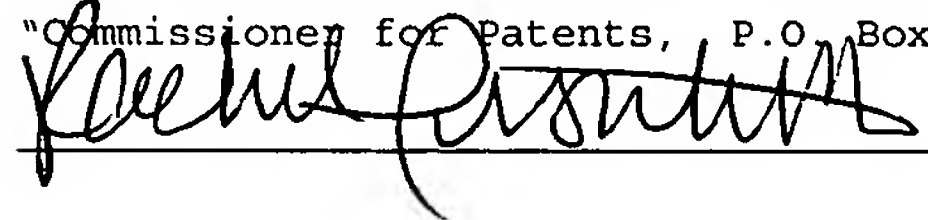
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